

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Dorsey Springhouse

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Dorsey Road (between Rte. 124 & Rte. 108)

CITY, TOWN

Laytonsville

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Montgomery

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☒ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☒ PUBLIC
☐ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☒ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

(public golf course)

NAME

Montgomery Co. Revenue Authority-Golf

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Course

Dorsey Road

CITY, TOWN

Laytonsville

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
 REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
 SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

M:22-1

CONDITION

☒ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED
☐ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This was the site of the Dorsey farm over 100 years ago. The old house burned 10-15 years ago, but the board-and-batten springhouse (it has a new wood shingle roof) remains. There is also an old frame corn crib/shed nearby. The spring that flows from underneath the building is generally acknowledged to be the head of the Rock Creek watershed-probably the area's oldest and best-known stream valley park.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD

☐ PREHISTORIC
☐ 1400-1499
☐ 1500-1599
☐ 1600-1699
☒ 1700-1799
☐ 1800-1899
☐ 1900-

☐ ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC
☐ ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC
☐ AGRICULTURE
☐ ARCHITECTURE
☐ ART
☐ COMMERCE
☐ COMMUNICATIONS

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

☐ COMMUNITY PLANNING
☐ CONSERVATION
☐ ECONOMICS
☐ EDUCATION
☐ ENGINEERING
☐ EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT
☐ INDUSTRY
☐ INVENTION

☐ LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE
☐ LAW
☐ LITERATURE
☐ MILITARY
☐ MUSIC
☐ PHILOSOPHY
☐ POLITICS/GOVERNMENT

☐ RELIGION
☐ SCIENCE
☐ SCULPTURE
☐ SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
☐ THEATER
☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ OTHER (SPECIFY)

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

- 1) WASHINGTON STAR, Sunday Magazine Supplement, July 2, 1961.
- 2) "Washington", WASHINGTON STAR, March 19, 1972.
- 3) WASHINGTON POST, March 28, 1959.
- 4) WASHINGTON POST, May 1, 1975, p. D-1.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE _____

COUNTY _____

STATE _____

COUNTY _____

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Michael F. Dwyer, Senior Park Historian

ORGANIZATION

M-NCPPC

DATE

8/23/74

STREET & NUMBER

8787 Georgia Ave.

TELEPHONE

589-1480

CITY OR TOWN

Silver Spring

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

See correspondence dated

8/31/84

PRELIMINARY DRAFT AMENDMENT TO
THE MASTER PLAN FOR HISTORIC PRESER-
VATION: ROCK CREEK PLANNING AREA
RESOURCES

at
7:30 P.M.
Tuesday
October 2, 1984
in the Auditorium of the
Montgomery County Regional Offices
8787 Georgia Avenue
Silver Spring, Maryland 20907

to take testimony on whether or not the
following historic resources presently listed in
the Locational Atlas and Index of Historic Sites
in Montgomery County should be included in the
Master Plan for Historic Preservation.

1. Dorsey Springhouse #22/1
Dorsey Road (between Rte. 124 & 108)
2. Pugh Farm #22/2
6411 Dorsey Road
3. Oatland Farm #22/14
4231 Briars Road
4. J.H. Cashell (Grantham) Farm #22/25
5867 Muncaster Mill Road
5. Barnesley House #22/30
15715 Avery Road
6. Eubanks Farm #22/34
6325 Needwood Road
7. Needwood Mansion #22/35
6700 Needwood Road
8. Carson Farm/Log Smokehouse #22/4
Route 124 - Laytonsville

9. Holland Farm #22/8
19510 Muncaster Road
10. Duley Farm #22/9
19600 Muncaster Road
11. Beane Farm Barn #22/10
Route 108 & Muncaster Road
12. Elizabeth Darby House #22/11
Olney/Laytonsville Road near
Muncaster Mill Road
13. Thomas Griffith #22/12
Route 108 & Muncaster Road
14. Chichester House #22/13
Olney/Laytonsville Road
15. Granby Farm #22/16
Muncaster Road
16. H.B. Magruder/Water Farm #22/19
Muncaster Road near Redland Road
17. Belt Farm #22/26
Route 115 & Avery Road
18. Adamson Farmhouse #22/27
Route 115 & Avery Road
19. Muncaster Mill Ruin #22/28
Muncaster Mill Road & North
Branch of Rock Creek
20. Pather Cemetery #22/29
Meyers Property off Avery Road
21. Avery #22/31
Southlawn Drive & Avery Road
22. Gas House &
Watagate Phone Booth #22/32
Route 355 at College Parkway

22-1 Dorsey Springhouse MRE M:22-1

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THE MARYLAND NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION
8787 Georgia Avenue • Silver Spring, Maryland 20907
(301) 495-4565

MEMORANDUM

August 31, 1984

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TO: Richard Ferrara, Director, Department of Housing and
Community Development
John L. Menke, Director, Department of Environmental
Protection
✓ J. Rodney Little, Director, State Historic Preservation Commission
Susan Kuklewicz, Chairperson, Historic Preservation Commission
FROM: Perry Berman, Chief, Community Planning North P.B.
SUBJECT: Preliminary Draft Amendment to the Master Plan for Historic
Preservation: Rock Creek Planning Area Resources

I am pleased to transmit to you this August 1984 Preliminary Draft Amendment to the Master Plan for Historic Preservation.

This document contains the recommendations of the Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission concerning the unevaluated Rock Creek Planning Area historic resources identified in the County's Locational Atlas and Index of Historic Sites.

The Preservation Commission recommends the designation of seven (7) sites for protection under the County's Historic Preservation Ordinance, Chapter 24A of the County Code. The Commission also recommends the removal of 15 sites listed in the Locational Atlas.

The Montgomery County Planning Board will hold a public hearing on this Preliminary Draft Plan on Tuesday, October 2, 1984 at 7:30 P.M. in the Auditorium of the Montgomery Regional Office at 8787 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland.

Should you have any questions concerning this amendment, please do not hesitate to contact Marty Reinhart of Community Planning North staff at 495-4565.

PB:MR:dws
Attachment

PRELIMINARY DRAFT COMPREHENSIVE AMENDMENT
TO THE
ROCK CREEK MASTER PLAN
CHAPTER VIII

F. Historic Sites Master Plan and Ordinance

There are a number and a variety of historic resources in the County. Some are protected from adverse state or federal actions through identification on the Maryland State Inventory or the National Register of Historic Places. The County, recognizing the need for additional protection for these sites and for sites of local significance, adopted a functional Master Plan for Historic Preservation and enacted a Historic Preservation Ordinance, Chapter 24A of the County Code in 1979.

The Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission was created with the enactment of the County's Historic Preservation Ordinance and was charged with the responsibility of researching and evaluating historic resources according to criteria specified in the ordinance. The Commission then recommends those worthy of preservation to the Montgomery County Planning Board for inclusion in the Master Plan for Historic Preservation and protection under the ordinance.

Upon receiving a recommendation from the Historic Preservation Commission, the Planning Board holds a public hearing to make its determination using the same criteria, considering the purposes of the ordinance, and balancing the importance of the historic resource with other public interests.

If, in balance, the Planning Board finds the historic resource should be designated, it will then recommend a master plan amendment to the County Council. The Council may hold a hearing before it acts, if appropriate. Upon approval by the Council and adoption by the Planning Board of the proposed amendment, the historic resource would then become designated on the Master Plan for Historic Preservation, and thus, subject to the protection of the ordinance.

The architectural and historic significance of the Rock Creek Planning Area resources identified on the Locational Atlas and Index of Historic Resources in Montgomery County, -- the County official historic inventory -- have been reviewed by the Preservation Commission as part of this comprehensive amendment.

As a result of their evaluation, the Preservation Commission recommends the Master Plan for Historic Preservation be amended to include the following sites:

<u>Adic #</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Associated Acreage</u>
22/1	Dorsey Springhouse	Dorsey Road	7830 sq. ft.

The modest board and batten springhouse covers the headwaters of Rock Creek, which, next to the Potomac River, has historically been Montgomery County's most important body of water.

- Symbolically important for its place in the agricultural and industrial growth of the county which depended on Rock Creek.
 - Environmental setting to be a 50 foot radius around the springhouse.
- 22/2 Pugh Farm 6411 Dorsey Rd. 1.49
- Pugh Farm ca. 1853, is a fine, relatively unaltered example of Gothic Revival architecture so prevalent in Montgomery County in the 19th century.
 - The house retains a number of fine architectural details such as 6 over 6 windows and the patterned tin roof.
 - The entire 1.49 acre parcel is the recommended environmental setting.
- 22/14 Oatland Farm 4231 Briars Rd. 130 Acres
- Architecturally this ca. 1875 house is an outstanding example of the transitional Greek Revival/Italianate style so popular in the period 1850 - 1870. It contains many touches of elegance such as the original pedimented portico and the bracketed boxed cornice.
 - Associated with the family of Washington Bowie, prominent area merchant of the early 19th century.
 - The parcel currently contains 130 acres; the environmental setting when delineated should include the small log house, the stone springhouse, and the Bowie family cemetery.
- 22/25 J.H. Cashell (Grantham) Farm 5867 Muncaster Mill Rd.
- The earliest section of the frame Cashell Farmhouse, in the American farmhouse style, was built in the mid 19th century by the Hon. Hazel H. Cashell. His son John H. added a turriculated, jerkin-headed Queene Anne block at the end of that century.
 - Important for its association with the Cashell family as well as the high level of architecture achieved by the hybrid-style building.
- 22/30 Barnesley House 15715 Avery Rd. 11.25 Acres
- A good example of a well-maintained 19th century gothic revival farmhouse, once so ubiquitous in Montgomery County.
 - The entire 11.25 acres parcel is the recommended environmental setting.